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FROM THE FIELD: MEET BIHI



This is 77-year-old Bihi, from Somaliland.

We first met Bihi in Balilmatan - an area south of Somaliland's capital city, Hargeisa, where more than 1,000 internally displaced people are currently living, after severe droughts across the country.

Bihi used to be a nomad - moving from place to place with his herd. That is, until his cattle died in the droughts - leaving Bihi no choice but to move to Balilmatan. "When they all died I came here", he said. Bihi continued, "We came here because we were hungry and we didn't have any food. Since I lost my livestock, the biggest struggle is to get food for my family".

As well as food, shelter is one of the things that Bihi, and most of the people living in the area, need the most. Like many, he was unable to bring his shelter with him when he walked to Balimatan.

In 2018, we provided Bihi and his family with tarpaulin to help shelter them from the severe weather, and other essential aid items including water carriers and filters, mosquito nets, solar lights, and a kitchen set - enabling them to begin rebuilding their lives.

When asked about the aid he said: "There are different needs, one of them is shelter. See the place we are living, we do not have a proper shelter. So this is very useful and it suits us". Bihi thanked ShelterBox: "We are very grateful for what we have received. Thank you for this".

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